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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Blackburn *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/967,321

Filed: October 1, 2001

For: **Methods**

Confirmation No. 4288

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Examiner: *To be assigned*

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**Preliminary Amendment
and Submission of Substitute Sequence Listing
Under 37 C.F.R. 1.825(a)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In advance of substantive examination and in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, dated November 9, 2001, in the above identified matter, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;
- (B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks and arguments; and
- (C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with markings to show changes made."

As a reply to this Notice to File Missing Parts was due on January 9, 2002, enclosed herewith is a Petition for an extension of time.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.